

Senator Pat Engel had here for \$6 million and at the same time saying that we need to make cuts. Now we're talking about, you know, where do we make the cuts, if, in fact, we make cuts? And it's been pretty well acknowledged I think almost unanimously around the floor that if we don't make cuts, the Governor is going to make them. If that's the attitude we want to take, then I guess so be it. I personally feel a little bit like Senator Robinson, there's some places we ought to be looking seriously at how we can reduce some of our expenditures, but if it's the will of the body, and that's what that board up front is for when the votes come up, to make a decision whether you want to support the mainline budget the way it came down from the Appropriations, then that's what we'll do. And I only bring up the suggestion, in fact if the economy does slide down and there is a shortfall in the amount of income, we're going to be faced with that issue and have to deal with it at that time. That's always a possibility when you look at what's happening with the weather and many of the farmers particularly around my area haven't even started to get their crops in yet, and with another inch of rain or inch and a half of rain last night, it's going to be even longer. You can expect, you can expect that there's going to be a downturn in the amount of income tax and amount of sales tax that will be expended...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...with that happening, but I did promise Senator Maurstad I would give him a couple of minutes or a minute of my time so I'll cease and let him talk. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, I'll try to get it done in a minute. I agree with my good friend, Senator Robinson, certainly everybody has the right to stand up here and say whatever they want and make any amendments that they want and everybody else has a right to call them as they see it relative to those amendments that are put forth, so I appreciate that reminder. Secondly, I've got to say once again, Senator Robinson, you know you came from the same home town as my dad and uncles and everybody and once in a while I have to sit them down too and say, you know you just don't get it. We're not forcing the local governments to spend less. We're not forcing a cut on them. You need to look at that lid bill and understand it. We're talking about reducing the amount that they can